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October 9, 2003

Joseph F. Smith Jr., REP
CHEVRON TEXACO
935 Gravier Street, Room 1944
New Orleans, LA 70112

RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF October 6, 2003
SAND(s): 7B ZONE, RESERVOIR B
FIELD: WEST BAY FIELD
PARISH: Plaque mines Parish, Louisiana
APPLICANT: CHEVRON U.S.A., INC.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: _____

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Hon. James H. Welsh, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275 - Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Dear Sir:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. requests the calling of a public hearing, after due legal notice, and in accordance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, to consider the following matters pertaining to the 7B Zone, Reservoir B, in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve the 7B RB SUA created by Order No. 396-GGG-1, effective July 29, 2003, redefine the zone definition, and simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit for the 7B Zone, Reservoir B.
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of hydrocarbons from the above zone.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts and mineral leases and other mineral interests within the unit.
4. To designate Chevron U.S.A. Inc. as operator of the revised 7B RB SUA.
5. To designate Ridgelake's Plaquemines Parish Government Well No. 1 as the unit well for the revised 7B RB SUA.
6. To provide that any future replacement and/or alternate wells for said unit shall be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
7. To provide for future reclassification of the reservoir without the necessity of a public hearing if such reclassification becomes necessary due to a change in production characteristics.
8. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner may deem pertinent.

The 7B Zone, Reservoir B, in West Bay Field is fully defined by Conservation Order No. 396-GGG-1, effective July 29, 2003.

The 7B Zone, Reservoir B, as revised, in West Bay Field is hereby defined as being that hydrocarbon bearing zone encountered between the electric log depths of 8,326 (8,033 TVD) feet and 11,097 (10,305 TVD) feet in the Ridgelake - Plaquemines Parish Government Well No. 1 ST1, located in Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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Chevron will provide for the advertisement of the legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the West Bay Field, and also will post the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the field. Chevron will also mail a copy of said legal notice to Interested Owners, Represented Parties and to Interested Parties.

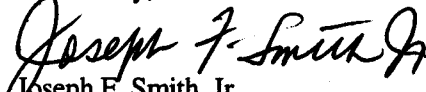
Attached are (1) a copy of the revised unit plat, (2) a list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties, and (3) our check in the amount of \$755.00 to cover the application fee.

A copy of this application, plat and list attached, is being sent to Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager, Lafayette, Louisiana. A copy of this application and plat are also being sent to each Interested Owner, Represented Party, and Interested Party after a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

The Office of Conservation has waived the pre-application notice requirements and therefore, Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure does not apply. A pre-hearing conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 23, 2003 at Chevron's offices at 935 Gravier St., New Orleans, Louisiana. Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory but is an opportunity to discuss Chevron's unit proposal.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana, 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the cost of the requesting party. Any other questions or concerns should be directed to the undersigned at Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 935 Gravier St., Room 1944, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112, telephone number (504) 592-6710.

Yours truly,


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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
Lafayette, Louisiana

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

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West Bay Field

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Proposed Unit

7-B Zone

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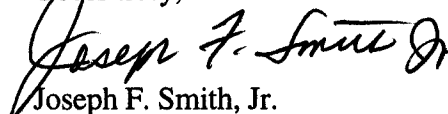
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Dear Sir:

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. requests a waiver under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure to dissolve the 7B RB SUA formed by Conservation Order No. 396-GGG-1, effective July 29, 2003, redefine the zone, and simultaneously create a revised drilling and production unit for the 7B Zone, Reservoir B, based on additional information obtained from the drilling of the Ridgelake - Plaquemines Parish Government Well No. 1 in the West Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. The proposed revised geographic unit for the 7B Zone (see attached plat) would partially underlie the Charles C. Henderson and Louisiana Fruit Company leases. This waiver is being requested in order to have the unit revised prior to the termination of these two leases on December 7, 2003. If the waiver is approved, Chevron has attached an emergency application for hearing and will also schedule a pre-hearing conference to be held not less than ten days after the date of the application. Your attention to this matter at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (504) 592-6710.

Yours truly,



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Attachment